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Titusville Amateur Radio Club
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Club Officers

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Club Meeting: 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 pm, Titusville Public Library, 2121 S. Hopkins Ave.

"Eating Meeting", every Thursday 5:30-6:30PM at the roving restaurant. Talk-in 146.91 or contact Sherry Hughes @ 279-2796

Next Meeting: January 23rd

Great Job!

The President's Corner by Bud Hughes K4CWG

The 2006 TARC Christmas Party was a lot of fun and was enjoyed by all. At the XMAS party Sherry KU4ZO and Carole KC4VIN were busy capturing the smiles and laughter of those in attendance. If you did not get and if you wish a copy of the pictures taken at the party please contact Sherry KU4ZO at 269-2796.

Mic Woltman KI4CFA was our Master of Ceremonies and what a wonderful job he did.

Jobie Woltman KI4QXE is the bride of the club's newly elected Treasurer. Jobie is a new ham is our newest club member. Jobie was asked to officiate in the swearing in and installation of the TARC Officers and Board Members for the year 2007. Great Job Jobie.

The elected Officers and BOD for the 2007 year are.

President Bud Hughes K4CWG, Vice President Don Spade AD1S, Secretary Cathy Johnson KI4GMF, Treasurer Mic Woltman KI4CFA. The elected Board members are Dennis Abell, Bill Hoskinson K4CUO, Jan Ferguson W4REN, & Gary Johnson W4RBI. Board Members/Trustees are Ken Denman KD4HNW 147.775, Rob McKiness KI4DYJ 445.15, Warren Murray W4CEL 146.97 and Mic Woltman KI4CFA 146.91.

Our Secretary Cathy KI4GMF was appointed and served as the Nominating Chairperson and what a great job she did. Thanks Cathy.

With these elected leaders for 2007, I foresee a wonderful future for our club.

I want to thank the outgoing officers and board members for the great services rendered. Your continued contribution of your talents and skills to the club's best interests is sincerely requested.

At the conclusion of the installation of officers and board members there were numerous plaques awarded.

Mic Woltman KI4CFA was voted as the **2006 Ham of The Year.**

Becky Lee KF4HTB was recognized and presented a plaque for her years of serving as Club Treasurer, Club Secretary and Newsletter Editor. Becky always has furnished delicious treats for mid-meeting break time. The Year 2005 recipient of the **SOAP-ON-THE-ROPE** Gary Johnson W4RBI selected Becky to carry this prestigious banner for the year 2007.

Clara Abell KE4YQL was given a plaque for her many years of leadership in the planning and execution of so many club activities including but not limited to TARC Hamfests, Field day, Nominating Committee, Installation of Officers, Christmas Parties and list goes on. On the plaque was the words "The Hostess with the Mostess". Amen.

I just know the rendition of 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS by our club choir must have brought tears to the eyes of all lovers of good music.

See you Jan. 23 at the TARC meeting. 73'sBud K4CWG

Word for the Month: ***SOLILOQUIZE*** **.....We all have been accused of this.....some more than others.**

Abell's Anecdotes by Pike Abell W4PEU

TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER. Most of you have probably visited the Tomb in the Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va. One can not help but be impressed by the elite sentinels guarding the place. Who area these men? How are they selected? What are the requirements of being selected? What are their training requirements?

For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb, he must be between 5' 10" and 6' 2" tall, his waist size cannot exceed 30". He must otherwise be in good health. They must commit 2 years of life to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot consume alcohol on or off duty. They cannot swear in public and cannot disgrace the uniform or the tomb in any way.

Their shoes are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from their feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe in order to make the loud click as they come to a halt.

Every guard spends five hours a day getting his uniforms ready for guard duty. There are no wrinkles, folds or lint on the uniform. Guards dress for duty in front of a full-length mirror.

The first six months of duty a guard cannot talk to anyone. (One exception of that, is talking while performing his guard duty. The guards are not just symbolic. I once saw a child try to climb up on the tomb. The guard promptly shouted him down and threatened the parents with ejection.) Also during the first six months, his spare time is spent studying the notable people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. He must memorize who they are and where they are interred.

In performing their guard duties, the sentinels walk twenty-one steps across in front of the tomb each way. That alludes to the twenty-one gun salute. Likewise, he hesitates twenty-one seconds before beginning his return walk. He carries his rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path, he executes an about face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder. Guards are changed every thirty minutes.

In 2003 as Hurricane Isabelle was approaching, the guards were given permission to suspend the assignment. They respectfully declined the offer, saying "No way, Sir!" Soaked to the skin, marching in the pelting rain of a tropical storm, they said that guarding the Tomb was not just an assignment; it was the highest honor that can be afforded to a serviceperson.

The Tomb has been patrolled continuously, 24/7, since 1930.

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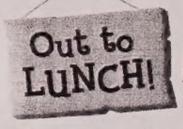

From the Editor by Brian Van Alstine WW4G

Congratulations to the new officers and a well done to those departing those positions. On another note.....its that time of the year to start digging out those receipts, 1099, 1098 and W-2's. Most company's, financial institutions and the government will be mailing, if not already, the paper work for you to plan your tax strategy. Good luck and file early.....unless you owe.....then make them wait!!!!

Treasurers Report by Becky Lee KF4HTB

2006 Financial Recap

$3008.58 Beginning Balance

$5611.25 2006 Income

$8619.83 Total Income

$3520.19 2006 Expenses

$5099.64 Balance as at 12/31/06

FOR SALE - This spot is available for those of you wanting to clean out that HAM shack. Start your spring cleaning early

Ham License Test Sessions

FCC Exams are held anytime convenient to both the applicant and the volunteer examiners. You should probably study up or at least take the practice exams online (perhaps more practice exams) before then. For information on exams and directions contact: Bud Hughes – K4CWG at 269-2796

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Upcoming Events

Jan 20 – Ft Myers Hamfest/Computer Show, talk-in 146.88 (136.5 hz), Araba Shrine Auditorium
Jan 27 – Arcadia Hamfest, talk-in 147.075, Turner Civic Center Exhibit Hall
Feb 9-11 – Orlando Hamcation, Central FL Fairgrounds (www.hamcation.com)

TARC Local Nets

Red Eye Net: 7.228 MHZ – Sunday, 0600
Mosquito Net: 28.333 MHZ USB - Wednesday, 1900
VIP Net: 146.910 MHZ – Tuesday, 1830
Friendship Net: 146.955MHZ ~~FRI~~ Thursday

Other Local Nets:

ARES/RACES Net: 147.135 MHZ – Wednesday, 0900
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ARES/RACES Net: 145.370 MHZ – Wednesday, 1915
ATV Net: 146.940 MHZ – Wednesday, 1945